



GEMS Twickenham Primary Academy Newsletter

Principal: Mr. John Smith

Summer Term: Friday 17th July 2020



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Dear Parents,

I hope that you have had a wonderful week, and that you are looking forward to the weekend ahead. This is our final Newsletter for this academic year, and I just wanted to thank you all for the support that you have given to the school during what has been a very challenging academic year. I also want to thank our children who have demonstrated resilience, tenacity and positivity throughout the whole experience; from the initial school closure to the phased return – well done to you all we couldn't be prouder of what you have achieved!

I also have to say an enormous thank you to all of the staff at GEMS Twickenham Primary Academy for their commitment and support throughout this year who go above and beyond every day to ensure that this school remains excellent and a beacon in our school community.

Sadly, we say goodbye to Miss Rebecca and Miss Sue at the end of term - both of you have been wonderful colleagues and will always be part of the Twickenham Primary Academy family. We wish you the very best.

Key Dates:

The key dates for the next academic year are in this newsletter. Please note: they are an overview of what we intend to do during the term. However, due to circumstances out of our control events may get rescheduled or delivered in a slightly different format – I will update you weekly on any changes via the newsletter so please do read these carefully when they are sent over on a Friday evening. All key dates have been uploaded onto the school's online calander for you to view.

Groups attendance next week:

Group	Week commencing	Days
Rec, Year 1 and Year 4 Group 1A and 1B	20 th July 2020	Monday and Wednesday
Rec, Year 1 and Year 4 Group 2A and 2B	20 th July 2020	Tues only
Year 2 and 3 Group 1A and 1B	20 th July 2020	Monday and Wednesday
Year 2 and 3 Group 2A and 2B	20 th July 2020	Tues only
Key worker children	20 th July 2020	Mon-Wed

P.E Kits:

A reminder that if you have not yet picked up your P.E kit you will need to do so by Wednesday 22nd July. Any kits that have not been collected by the end of the academic year will be donated to the PTA. Please ring the school office to arrange a time to collect your child's P.E kit.

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End of Term

The last day of term, Wednesday 22nd July 2020 we will not be closing early – please follow your current timings

Clubs

A reminder that the only club running in September currently is Breakfast club, any updates will be sent via Parentmail when school returns.

Uniform Support:

If your child is categorized as pupil premium and you need uniform support for the next academic year buying the school blazer for Year 5, please do contact Miss Hana in the school office as we are able to provide some support with this.

ParentPay/ParentMail

Over the summer holiday we will be transitioning from ParentPay to the school payment facility on ParentMail. This will mean that parents will be able to use one School App to receive all communications and also be able to pay for school dinners, clubs etc. going forward.

ParentPay

We request that all outstanding amounts are settled with ParentPay prior to the beginning of the new academic school year in September. Should you have any queries regarding any items that are currently on your account please email Miss Karen on k.surey@gemstwickenhamprimary.co.uk

Cancelled Trips, Clubs

Parents in current Year 4 and Year 3 that have paid for school trips that were cancelled please DO NOT pay anymore for these trips. You will be refunded for any deposits/amounts paid, once the school has received the funds back from our insurance company due to the trips being cancelled.

Should you have any outstanding credit/debts associated with your account at the beginning of the new school year these will be transferred to your new account on ParentMail in September. If you need any assistance or have any queries please do not hesitate to contact me on the above email address and I will be happy to assist you.

On a final note, we wish you a lovely summer holiday from Miss Karen, Miss Joy and Miss Hana

ECO Committee:

I have to say a huge thank you to Emma, Gerry, Therese and Ben who did an absolutely brilliant job with the front garden over the weekend. As you can see, they have cleared the area of all the weeds and rubbish and have put up a new bug hotel, planters as well as buying new plants for the area. I am sure you will all agree it looks fantastic – thank you again and to the PTA who supported the funding of this project. See if you can spot some of the objects that they found in the ground whilst they were digging out all of the weeds.

Wedding Bells:

Finally, we send our congratulations and best wishes to both Miss Rebecca and Miss Sara who are marrying their prospective partners towards the end of this week and over the weekend.

Thank you, and have a wonderful summer holiday



Mr. John Smith

Principal



Key Dates: Autumn 2020

Date	Event
Thursday 3 rd September 2020	Reception Pupils Only – 1:30 pm – 3:30 pm
Friday 4 th September 2020	Reception Pupils Only – 09:00 am – 1:30 pm
Monday 7 th September 2020	All Pupils – Reception, Y1, Y2, Y3, Y4 and Y5 – please follow your allotted times <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Breakfast Club begins from 08:00 am for prebooked pupils • Energy Kidz begins 3:15 pm for prebooked pupils
Monday 7 th September 2020 – 6:30 pm	Curriculum Evening – Year 1 – via zoom
Tuesday 8 th September 2020 – 6:30 pm	Curriculum Evening – Year 2 – via zoom
Tuesday 8 th September	This has now been cancelled and you will get a refund
Wednesday 9 ^h September 2020 – 6:30 pm	Curriculum Evening – Year 4 – via zoom
Thursday 10 th September 2020 – 6:30	Curriculum Evening – Year 5 – via zoom
Monday 14 th September 2020 – 6:30 pm	Curriculum Evening – Year 3 – via zoom
Wednesday 16 th September 2020	School Nurse: Teeth cleaning for Reception and Year 1
Thursday 17 th September 2020 from 6:30 pm	Year 5 Secondary Transition Meeting – via zoom
Friday 18 th September 2020	‘Jeans for Genes day’ – please donate £1: The children are to wear their Jeans with their school jumper / cardigan
Thursday 1 st October 2020	Black History Month
Friday 2 nd October 2020 from 08:30 am	Parent Drop from 08:30 am (Year 1 – 5 only) Reception early pick up from 3:00 pm (Parents will be allowed in the classrooms via the reception playground)
Saturday 3 rd October 2020 from 10:00 am	Open Day for New Admissions: from 10:00 am – 1:00 pm
Monday 12 th October 2020	Individual Photos for Children
Tuesday 13 th October	Key Stage 2 English and Mathematics Workshops English Y3 – 09:00 am Maths Y3 – 10:00 am English Y4 and Y5- 1:30 pm Mathematics Y4 and Y5 - 2:30 PM
Friday 23 rd October 2020	House Day – Halloween Theme (pupils to wear <u>age appropriate</u> Halloween costumes)
Friday 23 rd October	Homework Project 1: To be returned on Monday 9 th November Parent Viewing: Tuesday 10 th November from 08:30 am in the school hall
Monday 26 th October – Friday 20 th October	Half Term
Monday 2 nd November 2020	School closed for INSET day
Tuesday 3 rd November 2020 from 09:10 am	Phonics workshop for Reception Parents
Friday 6 th November 2020	School Nurse: Low Mood (Y1, Y2, Y3, Y4 and Y5)
Tuesday 10 th November 2020	Parent Viewing Homework Project in school Hall
Wednesday 11 th November 2020	Remembrance Day
Friday 13 th November 2020 from 09:00 am	Principal’s Forum
Monday 16 th November 2020	Switch off Fortnight
Tuesday 17 th and Thursday 19 th November 2020	Parents Evening
Wednesday 18 th November 2020	School Nurse: Healthy Eating (Y1, Y2, Y3, Y4, Y5)
Friday 20 th November 2020	Whole School Flu immunisation

Thursday 3rd December 2020 from 3:30 pm	Book Fair - in the playground at 3:30 pm until Wednesday 9 th December
Friday 4th December 2020	Christmas Performances (School Hall) Reception - 09:15 am Year 1 - 2:00 pm (pupils can be taken home afterwards)
Monday 7th December 2020	Final week for clubs
Tuesday 8th December 2020	Report 1 – out to all parents
Thursday 10th December	Varsity Match – school closed from 1:30 pm
Friday 11th December 2020	Christmas Performance (Holy Trinity) Year 4 and 5 from 2:00 pm
Wednesday 16th December 2020	Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas Lunch
Friday 18th December 2020	Term Ends at 12:00 pm – no lunch will be served on this day

- Year 3 and Year 2 have other performances scheduled throughout the academic year therefore they do have a Christmas Performance.



Have your say about West Twickenham and South Twickenham?

Do you live or work in West Twickenham and South Twickenham? Would you like to have your say on local priorities for your area following the impact of Coronavirus?

If so, join the local Community Conversation on 18 August 2020 at 6.30pm

Join your local ward councillors and the Leader of the Council in a virtual conversation (via Zoom) and hear what has been done to support your community over the past few months, and importantly share your views about what can be done in the future.

Also hear about the Local Area Fund, a new grant that can support local projects and initiatives in West Twickenham and South Twickenham.

Find out how to register at:
www.richmond.gov.uk/community_conversation



Year: Class:



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